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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee Room 241, Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 156 – Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage – Letter of Concern

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of concern for Senate Bill (SB) 156 – *Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services* - *Establishment.*

The Department appreciates the opportunity to work with bill sponsors and stakeholders. The Department respectfully requests the bill to align with the House version (HB 334) which included consensus amendments after discussions with stakeholders.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Ryan B. Moran, DrPH, MHSA

Acting Secretary